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NEWS SUMMARY.

County.—Hon. Phineas Jones, ex-Member of Congress from Essex County, died on the 19th inst.—Ex-Gov. Marcus L. Ward is seriously ill at his residence in Newark.—Extra-Session of State Senate continued Allen L. McDermott, for Commissioner of Railroad Taxation and Alvin A. Clark as Commissioner of Sinking Fund, besides several other nominations of minor importance.—Rev. A. W. Bourne, pastor of the Sherman Ave. Baptist Church of Newark, received a unanimous call to the West Third-third St. Baptist Church, New York City.—It is reported that the Penn. R. R. Co. will shorten their line to Philadelphia by building a new track through the 10th Ward, Newark, for through trains.

ABOUT TOWN.

Professor Turk gave an exhibition of Mystic Wonders, in Catholic Union Hall on Thursday evening.

The ball given by the Turn and Song Society on Tuesday evening, in Alvin Metz' new hall was well attended.

Bloomfield Hose Co. No. 1, and Essex Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 were to have a drill last evening at 7:45. Fire Marshal Marsh in charge.

On account of the illness of Rev. Wm. H. Broadhead, Dr. Howard Smith, of Newark, conducted the lesson of the Normal Class on Wednesday evening in the Methodist Church.

The numerous friends of Dr. Wilson will no doubt be pleased to learn that, having recovered from his late illness, he proposes returning home to Bloomfield next week.

The Summer Course of Lectures at the Seminary on "Phases of English Poetry," by Rev. S. W. Duffield, will begin during the first week of May. The announcement may be expected next week.

On Tuesday the remains of Catherine Curtis, who died of consumption, in Bloomfield, September 14th, 1853, were taken up and removed to Fairfield, Conn. Only a few bones marked the depth of the grave.

The contract for building the Bell Tower has been given to a New York builder, whose bid was a couple of hundred dollars lower than any received from our local builders; work will be commenced at once.

The Park has been rolled, and looks better for it. Now, why is not the walk on the Broad Street side completed? It only wants some Pompeian gravel and a little earth. It would be a wonderfully fine walk under the trees.

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise, He tried the other night to sleep, But could not close his eyes, And when he found they would not close, His still were set agog; He rose in wrath, just as he was, And thrashed that howling dog!

On Thursday morning, the four-year-old son of Morton C. Coggeshall died after a brief sickness of scarlet fever. A servant was taken from Castle Garden into the family a few days before after the boy Arthur was taken sick. It was found that the servant had left a family in the old country, afflicted with the disease at the time of her departure.

The Young People's Society of the Methodist Church met in the church parlor on Monday evening. The attendance was good and the continued applause spoke favorably of the program, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and readings, recitations and short addresses. Several new members were received into the Society.

Jacob Wagner, August Ernest, and Stephen Vogel, were arraigned before Justice Hageman on Thursday, for assaulting Mrs. Marcella Vogel, the wife of Stephen. It will be remembered that Mrs. V. was bound over last week to await the action of the Grand Jury. The Court after carefully reviewing the evidence finally concluded to discharge the prisoners.

Mr. J. P. Scherff and some other people of taste and enterprise in the Centre are planning to secure a fountain in the open space, with some

green grass and flowers around it. They already have a neat sum to start with, and we wish them the very best of success. Such a fountain would be a real ornament to the main entrance of the village. This matter is the subject of a communication in another column.

On Wednesday afternoon David Drager was tried before Justices Hageman and Hull on a charge preferred by Frederick Floris of Stone House Plains, of stealing two pear trees, the property of Mr. Floris. A case of circumstantial evidence was made out against the defendant, but the Court thought in such cases it would be necessary to prove the theft. He was therefore discharged. The defendant is a Poleander.

This year Bloomfield boasts of a Ball Club, which, it is expected, will be able to walk off with the hatchet from any club in this vicinity. It is known as the Athletics of Bloomfield, containing nine regular, and two extra players. R. Betts, captain; J. Cain, secretary; J. Fergusson, treasurer; F. Cadmus, Chas. A. Davis, J. Dally, S. Bradley, F. Storm, H. Snyder, W. Ellor and T. Gallien. The Club is made up of the best members of the Bloomfield and Watessing Clubs.

On Sunday last, the Right Rev. Bishop of Newark preached at the High Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield, and at the Afternoon Service administered Confirmation to about seventy persons. The music at both services was exceedingly well rendered and surpassed that given by many paid choirs. The church in the afternoon was crowded to overflowing by the congregation and members of other denominations, and the ceremonies witnessed were very impressive.

The Rev. T. H. Jacobus, of the Franklin Methodist Church, was recently very agreeably surprised by a visit of about one hundred of the members of his church and congregation, who desired to express their pleasure at his return to them for the third year. After the company had gathered, the ladies presented him an envelope containing some seventy dollars in greenbacks, which currency is still used, under pretext, in Franklin. Notwithstanding the financial depression in that vicinity this church has been unusually prosperous the past two years, and this hearty and spontaneous action on the part of the people gives promise of continued harmony, peace and prosperity.

On Sunday evening the Right Rev. Bishop of Newark formally opened the rooms of the "Catholic Union." The Chairman of the Reception Committee stated in a few brief remarks the aims and intents of the organization, and the Bishop in response wished it success and hoped the members would cultivate that unity that would result in making them good Christians and good citizens, and with increase in membership they might extend their usefulness; he hoped they would improve their minds by taking advantage of the library which was being formed, and that while progressing they would not forget their duty to their Pastor and let a false independence mar their future. The rooms were tastefully decorated with the national emblem and flowers, plentifully scattered. Many interesting pictures graced the walls and satisfaction was on the faces of all. The "Union," with the increase from the applications of Sunday night, will be over forty.

The Montclair Fire Department celebrated, Thursday evening, the formal opening of their new Truck House. The house is on Bloomfield Avenue, corner of Valley Road—a very central location; it is about 20x50 feet and one story high. A large bonfire of tar barrels, etc., was lighted in a vacant lot near by, and a thorough and very satisfactory test made of their new chemical engine. After this the company marched to the Truck House and partook of some refreshments. Next in order came cigars and congratulatory speeches by Mr. Russell, Chairman of the Township Committee and several members of the Company. One of the pleasantest features of the evening was the presentation of a gold badge to Foreman Schott. This was done by Mr. Goodell, representing the Company, in a very neat and witty speech; the Foreman, though taken completely by surprise, was equal to the occasion and returned his hearty thanks. A number of Bloomfield Firemen were among the invited guests. The Montclair H. & L. Truck is to be sent away to day to the makers to be lengthened.

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To the Bloomfield Citizen: In the last number of THE CITIZEN my name was among the signers for Mr. Erb's license. I pronounce it a deliberate forgery. I was not even paid the poor compliment of a request for my signature. Why print them all, and allow decent citizens to see if their names have been stolen.

DOMINICK DUNBAR.

Bloomfield Law and Order League.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Executive Committee held Tuesday evening, the above mentioned title was adopted as a suitable one for the new organization. Mr. John Newton was excused from serving on the Committee on account of other pressing duties, and Mr. Joseph D. Gallagher was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following circular note was drawn up, adopted, and ordered to be printed and distributed throughout the town:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BLOOMFIELD LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J., April 24, 1884.

DEAR SIR: A Citizens' Meeting was held on the 15th inst., in pursuance of a call signed by many of our best citizens, expressing the belief that, in view of the existing interest in the subject of temperance, the present is a favorable time for a united effort to secure the enforcement of the laws restricting the liquor traffic, which traffic has notoriously violated the statutes designed to regulate it.

At that meeting the undersigned were appointed an Executive Committee to institute and take charge of measures for securing the enforcement of the laws regarding, and for restricting in every proper way of this great evil.

It is proposed to obtain subscriptions of twenty-five (25) dollars each from, say one hundred citizens, payable in installments of twenty per cent. (five dollars) each, to be called for only as required, and not often more than once in six months. Judging from the experience had in the same work in Montclair, not more than one installment (five dollars) will be required during the year, making the expense very small to each subscriber. This fund is to be expended under the direction of the Executive Committee, payments to be made only on vouchers approved by two gentlemen not members of the Committee.

We inclose subscription blank, which you are earnestly requested to sign and return to any member of the Executive Committee as promptly as possible.

The work laid upon the Committee is so important, and appeals so strongly to every good citizen, that we do not feel it necessary to do more than invite your co-operation.

FRANK B. BATCHELDER, JAMES L. WALSH, S. L. HUNTER, J. D. GALLAGHER, D. G. GARRABRANT, Executive Committee.

The Second meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday night, when a permanent organization will be effected, and plans for an immediate and active campaign will be considered.

Meeting of School Trustees.

A Special Meeting of the School Board was held, Tuesday evening, at the house of Mr. Chabrier Peloubet. The object of the call was the opening of bids and the assignment of contracts for the new School Building on Liberty Street. The bids were as follows:

For Mason Work:	
Van Winkle & Frey.	\$8,195
John Dun.	7,487
R. M. Ball.	7,331
F. W. Shump.	7,031
For Carpenter Work:	
Theo. Cadmus, With blinds.	5,888
Without blinds.	5,415
Henry Crum, With blinds.	5,619
Peter Condit, With blinds.	6,129
Without blinds.	5,788
Edwards & Meeker, With blinds.	5,598
Without blinds.	5,260
Oakes & Jacobus, With blinds.	5,501
Without blinds.	5,076
C. M. Lockwood, With blinds.	4,999
Without blinds.	4,815

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

That an architect be employed to superintend the construction of the Building.

That Jos. K. Oakes be employed at the rate specified in his note to the Trustees, viz., 4 per cent. on the cost for drawing plans and specifications, drawing contracts for the mason and carpenter, furnishing detailed drawings, and superintending the construction of the Building.

That the contract for mason work be awarded to Fred. W. Shump, for the sum of \$7,031.

That inside blinds, hung upon hinges, and made to fold back, be included in the carpenter's contract.

That the contract for carpenter work be awarded to Chas. M. Lockwood for the sum of \$4,999.

That a satisfactory bond to the amount of \$1,000 be required of each contractor for the faithful performance of his work.

The Water Supply.

For the information of several inquirers we print the following extracts from the Water Company's circular.

Water rates for dwelling-houses occupied by one family per year:

One faucet (water to be used for domestic purposes only).	\$6.25
One kitchen boiler, including laundry.	1.25
One bath tub.	5.00
One water-closet.	2.50

Special rates for hydrants in yards or at barns, for street sprinklers and for business purposes.

The Company reserves the right to set meters at any time. When this is done, a payment of \$15.00 a year will include all the above uses, and take the place of above rates up to 50,000 gallons a year; for what may be used in excess of this quantity, 30¢ per 1,000 gallons will be charged. Payments must be made in advance, semi-annually. No change of fixtures may be made by any consumer without notice to, and permission from, the Company.

For service pipe the charges are:

From street main to curb stop-cock, \$20.00.

From curb stop-cock to house, 50¢ a foot; this covers cost of pipe and laying. Make your applications at once through Mr. Oleott, who is in charge of the pipe-laying, and who will be glad to furnish blank applications.

Improving the Centre.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

For several year past there has been a general desire by our business men of the Centre and many of the citizens who daily pass that section, to see something done with the triangular space at the junction of Bloomfield, Glenwood, and Washington Avenues, and we venture to say that all that is lacking is a public-spirited man to push it. Several have offered to contribute ten dollars each toward a small park, and many others are ready to give larger and smaller amounts when requested.

There is a space bounded by these three avenues of about 25 feet on each side. A plan which meets with general approval is to surround this triangle with a flag-stone walk three feet wide. Within this walk make a circle walk the same width, about fifteen feet in diameter, and in the centre of this circle place a fountain with a six foot basin. A spray of water similar to the one used by Mr. Scherff in his soda fountain would consume about 250 gallons per day. The waste water could be utilized by placing a horse-trough on Bloomfield Avenue.

The space between the fountain and circle walk, also between this walk and the outer flag-walk, could be covered with grass and a small shrub or evergreen placed on each of the three points.

In our opinion the proper way to secure the money and carry out this plan is to form a committee of several gentlemen, solicit the subscriptions, secure the consent of the Township Committee, and contract the work to the lowest bidder.

Cannot something be done to improve this wretched looking spot?

FOUR READY TO SUBSCRIBE.

Bloomfield, April 11th.

The Reform Club Meeting.

The Bloomfield Reform Club met in Westminster Church on Sunday afternoon—some three hundred persons being present. Mr. H. H. Biddulph, the vice-president, presided. Rev. E. D. Simons opened the meeting with devotional exercises, after which Rev. S. W. Duffield was called upon, who made an earnest and forcible address. He was followed by Mr. Renwick of Montclair, whose deliberate and direct style was very gratifying to the audience. Our Montclair friends are to be congratulated upon possessing such gentlemen as Messrs. Renwick and Merritt, to say nothing of others who deserve mention in the same connection.

The Reform Club will hereafter hold all its meetings in Dodd's Hall; as will the W. C. T. U. The work of the Club has begun in various ways, and the zeal of the officers and members is kindling into that sort of steady blaze which will keep things hot all the year round.

A Merited Rebuke.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

The remark of Chairman Merritt, in his speech at the Presbyterian Church, that "Persons who will take a drink on Sunday will usually perjure themselves when placed in the witness box," is resented by many good citizens. If the gentleman had pluck enough to say this to some members of the Driving Club of Newark, he might go home sick. Such *volas* as this don't help the cause of temperance.

LIBERAL.

An Inquiry.

A correspondent says: "If Judge Dupue's ruling is correct, that 'if a man takes an office he is incapable of filling he is criminal, and he is criminal in the neglect of public duties,' I would ask, in the name of all that is right and just, how long are the respectable residents of the Eighth Ward to be pestered with the saloons open in full blast on the holy Sabbath day, and are not the authorities that permit them criminals?"—Daily Advertiser.

Will the Reform Last?

Some of the saloon keepers are beginning to feel positively annoyed at the persistence of the reform movement. As a general thing reforms of this kind are spasmodic, not lasting more than a day or two, and not seriously interfering with their business; but there seems to be an ugly, chronic look about this one, which causes trepidation.—Telegram.

The Illness of Dr. S. B. Hunt.

Dr. S. B. Hunt, of the Advertiser, who has been confined to his home by illness for three months past, suffered a relapse on Saturday night, since which time he has been losing strength rapidly and the gravest fears are entertained of the result.

The new preacher, who made such a wonderfully favorable impression on a Boston audience on the occasion of his trial sermon, said: "The children of Israel were repeatedly on the point of manumissions, but at the last moment the Lord afflicted Pharaoh with auricular ossification."

A professor at Cornell, lecturing on the effects of the wind in some Western forests, remarked: "In travelling along the road, I even sometimes found the logs bound and twisted together to such an extent that a mule couldn't climb over them; so I went round."

"Don't be afraid!" said a snob to a German laborer. "Sit down and make yourself my equal." "I would have to blow my brains out," was the reply of the Teuton.

Startled Owner: "Hey, what are you doing there?" Colored Thief, who has just fallen through skylight: "I've blown here, boss, by dat dah dreadful hurricane we had Souf!"

"I say, Jenkins, can you tell a young, tender chicken from an old, tough one?" "Of course, I can." "Well, how?" "By the teeth." "By the teeth?" "Chickens have no teeth." "No, but I have."

A man in Vermont shot his wife dead while she was pulling his hair. Cut this out, brother, and paste it on the bald spot, where your wife can see it.

Young Maidens Strew the White Elephant's Path with Flowers when it Goes Abroad.

Trumpets and drums and a large retinue precede it to the bath, whither it is conducted with a large red umbrella held over it by some of the highest dignitaries. Young maidens strew its path with rarest flowers, which it picks up at will, first smelling them by virtue of its passionate delight in perfumes, and then conveying them to its mouth, where they are apt to be sacrificed to the grosser sense of taste. Save for this occasional bath, however, it rarely leaves its palace cell, except upon great feast days, when it always heads the procession. Amid these happy conditions—provided it does not die of astonishment or succumb to indigestion—it may live to be a centenarian, rejoicing in a weight measuring from one to three tons, and in a length varying from six to ten feet. And so profound is the Indo-Chinese belief in omens that an unusual grunt from this potentate is quite sufficient to interrupt the most important affairs, and break the most solemn engagements. He can be seen at the Great Forepaugh Show at Newark, on Wednesday, May 7.

REASONS FOR WORSHIPING THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

The extraordinary veneration offered by the people to the white elephant, in the land of its capture, is a traditional superstition of ancient date. It is a portion of the general reverence, among Buddhists, of white quadrupeds. The fact that the white elephant is found only in Buddhist countries, and but rarely even in them, probably gave rise to the belief that it must be the temporary abode of some mighty Buddha in his progress toward perfection. It was therefore agreed that to possess such a prize must be tantamount to enjoying the presence of the Deity, with all concomitant blessings. Consequently the kingdom where one of these blonde and cyclopean beasts resides is thought to be rich and not liable to change, and the king is congratulated on being long-lived and invincible. Through his elephantine sympathies he believes himself a partaker of the divine nature. In the Pali scriptures it is duly set forth that the form under which Buddha will descend to the earth for the last time will be that of a beautiful young white elephant, open-jawed, with the head of the color of cochineal, with tusks shining like silver, sparkling with gems, covered with a splendid netting of gold, perfect in organs and limbs, and majestic in appearance. See the wonderful creature in Forepaugh's Great Show at Newark, on Wednesday, May 7.

Josh Billings says, "A reputashun once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will alwus keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was."

"What is so rare as a day in June?" "Well, now and then, a day in April is decidedly underdone, and some of the March days are really raw."—Life.

"I'm very fond of little boys," she said, as she tripped on a string stretched across the pavement. "I feel as if I could eat a couple of 'em, this minute, raw."

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